



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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A Friendly Talk to Fathers and Mothers

By James S. Roberts

Introduction: I feel deeply impressed to write an article on the above named subject, and for a text will use Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

To begin with we want to give the meaning of the word "train." It means "to entice, to educate, to rear and instruct; to drill; to discipline." According to this there is a tremendous responsibility resting upon the shoulders of every father and mother in the world. Yes, when the little one arrives, there arrives not only the support of the child from a temporal standpoint, but also from a spiritual and educational standpoint. When you begin to think about the ever-increasing evils of the last days it will make every intelligent, rational-minded father and mother begin to ask themselves, Am I doing all that I can to train up my children in the way they should go? Have I endeavored to give them the disciplinary training that will save me from unnecessary embarrassment in public places of gatherings?

Father and mother, have you stopped to consider how many different schemes Satan has to decoy and bring your children into SIN and degradation? I know we are living in a day of great achievements, opportunities, etc., but we are also living in a day of wickedness and deception. Thirty years ago your daughter could not be taken fifty miles away

from home in one hour to some old tavern where some old drunken hoodlum could view her almost nude body. You know that in almost every newspaper there is an account of where some sex-crazed, demon-possessed fiend has hacked to death some poor mother's darling girl. You will perhaps say that the girl was in the wrong place. Right you are, but who was to be blamed for it? About nine times out of ten it was for the lack of good home discipline. Yes, many fine boys and girls with special talents have gone to a premature death just for the lack of good home training and common sense.

Father and mother, be assured that Satan loses no opportunities to disgrace and bring to shame your precious children. Not so long ago a child came over to my house and said to my boy, (who is about eleven years old), "Let me tell you how to be a good gangster" (or words to that effect). Here is what he said, "Just put a handkerchief over your face until it covers about half of your nose, then pull your hat down close to your eyes and that's the way." When asked where he obtained the information he said at the movie. The sad part of it, he is a Church of God member's child. Can you imagine it! Oh, it's terrible to behold how neglectful Christian fathers and mothers are in training their dear little boys and girls.

Training, as you will observe, means to see that your child has a good education.

Sad to say but right here is where many parents fail. Just as soon as their children get up to where they can make good progress in their studies, they will begin to cry to stay at home. Then comes the parents' time to take Paul's advice. Read Ephesians 6:4, the last clause, "But bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the lord." Our text says, "Train them up," and here Paul says, "Bring them up." Now fathers and mothers, it's your duty to see that your children have that that will qualify them for their future vocation in life.

They also need to be trained how to behave in society as well as in the church. Some parents rear their children in such a way that they are a nuisance to society and religion. Parents, you should teach your children in early years good manners, such as how to treat old people, how to act at the house of God, etc. Also, you should select the company they keep as bad company will lead them to ruin and destruction. Parents, do you mean to tell me that you will let your little fifteen-year-old girl go to the movie with some low-down hoodlum and then expect to reap the fruits of righteousness from that kind of a character? NO, A THOUSAND TIMES NO. Do you know that there are many church members that know more about their chickens, cows, hogs, and dogs than they do about their children's

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NOTICES

"To stir you up by putting you in remembrance," 2 Peter 1:13.

Montana camp meeting will convene in Bigtimber, Montana, June 12-19, inclusive. We hope to have Brother Boatwright with us as one of the principal speakers, and all the preachers of neighboring states that may be able to attend.—M. L. Lowe, overseer of Montana.

We appreciate the way our ministers are working in the state of Arkansas and for the way God is blessing us. The Lord was with us in mighty power throughout our district conventions. It seemed there was a greater zeal in our ministers to do more for God. There was a good mission spirit in all of our conventions. Since our state convention has been changed from May 26-29 to June 23-26, our mission drive will continue until then. The church that raises the most mission money will be rewarded with a nice Bible for its pastor. Remember, this will be on the percentage basis, the small churches will have as good chance as the large ones. So come on ministers and members, co-operate and let's make this the greatest mission drive Arkansas has ever known. Also boost the Evangel and get it into every home. God will reward our labor at the end of the way. God bless each and everyone is my prayer.—Odis Smith, overseer of Arkansas, Rt. 3, Box 232, Little Rock, Ark.

There will be a home coming at Unity Church of God near Iron City, Ga. the fifth Sunday in May. We are expecting every member, church and pastor, and the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be present with us. I feel the orphanage spirit rising and feel like it would be just right to spend the day in behalf of the orphan children. Start today laying aside your offering for the little children. We are expecting all the pastors of the district here the fifth Sunday. Come on, bring your dinner. We expect our district pastor to preach at the 11:00 o'clock service. Everybody do his or her part to make this service a success.—J. W. Heaton, Cairo district pastor; E. E. O'Neal, pastor, Bainbridge, Ga.

There will be home coming at the Church of God at Clayton, Ga. May 15. Everybody is invited and welcome. Bring a well-filled basket, and if you sing or make music come prepared; also try to have an extra dollar for an offering. The offering goes on our new church building.—W. A. Goss, pastor, Rt. 3, Clarksville, Ga.

To all the Church of God folks everywhere, a few months ago I backslid. I had no peace from the time I backslid

until last night at Yolyn, W. Va. where Brother Greene of Switzer, W. Va. is in a revival. I went to the altar and was saved again. There are, I suppose, quite a lot of people offended at me for backsliding. God knows I am sorry I went back on Him and I am asking everyone to please forgive me and pray for me. I want to preach His Word again.—Carl Campbell, Mallory, W. Va.

In answer to your prayers God has helped my husband who was in jail insane ever since Christmas day. He came home March 21; he has spells yet but he was so bad before until we couldn't keep him at home. He was trusting God before he went insane. He was a Church of God member at Goldsboro church, so I will answer anything you would like to know about him.—Nettie Crews, Rt. 2, LaGrange, N. C.

We are having our home coming May 15 here at Chickamauga, Ga. and everybody is invited to come enjoy the blessings of the Lord. Bring a well-filled basket with you. We are going to make a special drive on our church building. Please bring an offering with you.—Roy Dagnan, pastor, Chickamauga, Ga.

The 4th Sunday in May will be home coming for the Church of God, Starkey, Va. We invite one and all to this great feast in the Lord. Our district pastor, J. G. Houck, and other ministers and singers of the state will be with us. Bring a well-filled basket and a generous offering on our new church building.—C. W. Collins, pastor, 56 Bruffey St., Selma, Va.

To whom it may concern: I would like to be out on the field working for my Lord, doing what little bidding He has called me to do. If anybody desires me for a revival, you may get in touch with me right away as I am open for calls now. If you want me, be sure to write me at this address, C. B. Lingerfelt, Rt. 5, N. Chattanooga, Tenn.

There will be a home coming day at Mars Hill Church of God June 12, second Sunday in June. There will be all-day service with dinner on the ground. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket. Come prepared to help us raise money for the ceiling of our church at Bradley, Miss. We are looking for you. Pray much for this day that the Lord will bless.—Mrs. Hudspeth, Longview, Miss.

An old-fashioned revival is now in progress at Williston, Fla. which has been going two weeks. Please pray for us. If you need a real Church of God preacher who stands foursquare for the Church of God, I am ready to go anywhere, small or large.—J. W. Watson,

Box 93, Williston, Fla.

The Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention of the Jesup, Ga. district will convene at Blanton's Grove Church on the fifth Sunday in May. There will be all-day service and dinner on the ground. An inspiring program is being planned. Old and young from far and near are invited.—F. C. Norris, district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent.

A revival is now in progress at the Church of God, Winnsboro, S. C. with Brother Dempsey of Columbia, S. C. in charge. Please pray that the revival will be a success.—Lloyd Weed, clerk.

The Winding Gulf, W. Va. district convention of the Church of God will convene at Coal City, W. Va., May 13-15. Everybody is invited to attend this convention. Let's make it one of the best this district has ever had.—H. H. Hungate, pastor, Coal City, W. Va.

The next district Y. P. E. meeting of the East St. Louis, Ill. district will be at 53rd and State. The contest will be between Kincaid, Ill. and Maplewood. Everyone come and you will surely receive a wonderful blessing.—Arvil Vannoy, East Alton, Ill.

The fifth Sunday in May we will have our annual all-day service at the Church of God at Sipsey Bend, five miles northeast of Double Springs, Ala. In the morning we will have some good preaching, the afternoon will be devoted entirely to singing. You are welcome.—Avis Hasford, clerk; Noah Overton, pastor, Double Springs, Ala., Rt. 1.

There will be all-day service at the Zion (Elba) Church of God, eight miles north of Sampson, Ala. on the Sampson and Elba highway. Baptismal service will be held at 2:30 p. m., the Lord's Supper and feet washing at 7:45 p. m. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket.—J. F. Moore, pastor.

The Paris Tex. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention will convene at the Lannius church the fifth Sunday in May, the 29th. Let's make the convention a success by each Sunday School superintendent being able to give a good report of his work. Also be ready to render a short program if called on. We are expecting our state overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, and Brother J. C. Thompson, state Sunday School superintendent. Come on, one and all, with a well-filled basket. We are expecting God's best. Saints from other districts, we give you a big invitation, so come.—J. T. Melton, district Sunday School superintendent, Ladonia, Tex.

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Yet We See Not Our Signs

PAUL H. WALKER

There isn't a teaching more inspiring, invigorating and encouraging to the child of God than the teaching of the coming of the Lord. It is the hope of all the ages, and every principle in the Bible directly or indirectly points to the return of our blessed Savior.

We wish to call your attention for a while to our lesson and text found in Matt. 24:1-12, "And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and His disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

You will find my text in the third verse of our lesson: "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Three distinct questions the disciples asked Him. They had shown Him the buildings of the temple, that mammoth structure that we are told cost millions of dollars, lined with gold, the place where the Lord met His people. Jesus said unto them, "Verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down." This certainly was a startling statement. The temple where their fathers had worshipped for centuries, where the glory of God had so wonderfully been manifested, and now their

Master tells them that one stone will not be left upon another that shall not be thrown down. "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately." They were with Him all alone out on the mount and they felt free to ask Him when these things would be. The first question was: Tell us,

WHEN SHALL THESE THINGS BE?

—the temple be destroyed. The next question was: "What shall be the sign of thy coming?" And the third question: "And of the end of the world."

In the year A. D. 70 Titus surrounded the city of Jerusalem with an army and besieged it. The Jews offered stubborn resistance until they became desperately in need of food. Finally when Titus broke through, we are told that he instructed his soldiers not to destroy the temple but in their rage and fury they tore it completely down. But before they entered the city, Josephus tells us that the Jews had torn most of the gold from the inside of the temple and had broken it up and many of the Jews had eaten it. When the soldiers of Titus broke into the city and found that the Jews had eaten the gold, they tore them open and took the gold from their stomachs. Israel was paying the debt they owed for crucifying their Messiah. The temple was completely destroyed as Jesus had said it would be, and the Jews lost their home, their country, their temple, their daily sacrifice, and they were scattered to the four winds of the earth and became a hissing and a byword in the mouth of the Gentiles. Ps. 44:11-14, "Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen. Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price. Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us. Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people." It happened to Israel as Jesus had said when He stood on the side of the mount and raised His hands toward the city, and with a broken heart because of being rejected of His own people He cried, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." It is a terrible thing to fall in the hands of God's judgment, and this shows that men cannot get along without God but God can get along without them. Thus the first question

has been answered in the fulfillment relative to the destruction of the temple. The second question.

"AND WHAT SHALL BE THE SIGN OF THY COMING?"

If the first prophecy of Jesus concerning the destruction of the temple came to pass, it is certainly reasonable to believe that the rest will come to pass. The disciples asked for a sign. "What shall be the sign—?" Jesus answered by giving them many signs. He said in verse four: "Take heed that no man deceive you." This was a forewarning to the disciples and to the people of this age. The statement within itself makes us wonder what will come next. In what way would men try to deceive us? Verse five: "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." In other words, do not be deceived in false christs. This doctrine has been fulfilled time and again. Chresne-merti of India was sent to London A. D. 1911 to be educated as the Christ. He is the leader of the Star of the East, the head of the Theosophy Church. This word "Theosophy" means "direct knowledge of God." This man had twelve apostles, some of which were fallen bishops put out because of low and lude sins. One of his apostles is a woman, Mrs. Anna Beacon. This Chresne-merti came to Hollywood, California, in 1917, on April 17. He appeared on a large platform dimly lighted before 35,000 people as the Messiah. We are told that there is a man in Palestine who claims to be the Christ and demands the worship of the whole country. The so-called late "Father Divine" claimed that he was the restorer of Israel, a man who could perform great and mighty miracles. True, he did perform miracles and has built 400 heavens in the U. S. (One of his heavens caught afire and burned down. The heaven the redeemed go to is not like that.) He claims a following of nearly three million people. He has such power and influence that his subjects actually worship him and call him God. Yes, even in Christian America! There was a man of late in Denver, Colorado, in the David tabernacle, who claimed to be the Messiah and said that he was Jesus, speaking in the Greek language. On July 15, 1926, the Mosco was dedicated in Paris in the presence of the President of France, the British Ambassador and the Sultan of Morocco. A man by the name of Mirza Ehulan claimed to be the promised Messiah whose advent had been told in the Bible

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EDITORIALS

The Judgments

By request I am writing on this subject.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad," 2 Cor. 5:10.

In order to thoroughly understand the judgments it will be necessary to first take up the Jewish harvest and also the resurrections.

There are three judgments in which Christ will take a part. The judgment of the saints after the resurrection of the dead in Christ, 1 Thess. 4:13-16. The second judgment is the judgment of nations, when Christ comes to reign a thousand years, Matt. 25:31-46. The last judgment will be the white throne judgment which will be after the thousand years when Christ shall come on the clouds to set up His kingdom. Rev. 19:11-16 shows Christ's return on the clouds of heaven to set up His kingdom. After the thousand years are over the devil is loosed for a little season, Rev. 20:7-10. Then we have, after the thousand years, the last judgment, or white throne judgment, Rev. 20:11-15.

We will now take up the Jewish harvest and make the comparison.

Lev. 23:10, 11, "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then we shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the Lord, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it."

This chapter also gives the law of the Sabbath but we are dealing with the harvest which makes plain the resurrections. There were seven great festi-

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vals which were to be observed every year by Israel. These first fruits of the harvest were reaped down by the priests and waved before the Lord, then the grain was ground and taken up to the temple or the place of worship. Loaves were made of it and it was eaten by the priests. This is called the first fruits of the harvest. This feast typifies the first fruits of the resurrection—first Christ, and afterwards those that are His at His coming. After Christ had been crucified and placed in Joseph's new tomb, He arose from the dead and presented Himself on several different occasions to His followers, proving that He had actually come forth from the tomb. At the time of His death there was a great earthquake and the Bible says the graves were opened.

"And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many," Matt. 27:51-53.

In these verses we find proof that the saints arose, and the Lord permitted them to go into the city where the people knew them. Now the first fruits of the harvest represented the first fruits of the resurrection, which was Christ and those who rose with Him at this time.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead," 1 Cor. 15:20, 21.

These saints evidently consisted of all who had lived up to all the light they had before Christ was crucified. In every dispensation there had been many faithful people. In the dispensation of conscience, after the first pair was driven from the garden, we have Abel who made the first acceptable sacrifice to God, and his brother through enmity slew him. Then Enoch was translated

before the flood and it is said that he walked with God. Noah was also a man of faith and God used him in preparing an ark for the saving of his house, and his sons and his daughters who went over the deluge in the ark are, of course, numbered with those who are faithful. Noah began the dispensation of human government and no doubt there were many people who lived close to God and kept His commandments. They didn't have the Bible as we have it now but God visited them and sent angels to visit them and gave them counsel. Then in the dispensation of promise God found a man who would order his house after him, a man of great faith—Abraham. Abraham prayed to God, offered sacrifices and was faithful to God in his day. His seed went into Egyptian bondage and God through His choice of these people as His own, remembered them and brought them out and with many miracles caused them to cross the Red Sea on dry land. Of course Moses was their great leader. Many in this dispensation were faithful and I am sure gathered to the place that God had prepared for them. Then we have Christ as the seed of Abraham and as a Redeemer and it was through His power and resurrection that the first fruits came forth.

1 Peter 3:18-20, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

From these verses we see that there was a place in the bowels of the earth for those who had been faithful and that after Jesus' resurrection He went and offered them deliverance. They, during their lifetime, looked for the Messiah and because of their faithfulness they were placed on the paradisaical side of Sheol or Hades which was in the bowels of the earth. Jesus speaking of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19-31 tells of their death and the rich man was buried and the soul of Lazarus was carried away by the angels. We find in this explanation that the rich man lifted up his eyes in hell being in torment and asked that Lazarus be sent to dip his finger in water and cool his tongue. Abraham talked to the rich man and said, "There is a great gulf between us so that they that would pass from hence to you cannot, and neither can they that would come from thence." This proves that the spirits of both

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The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

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Don'ts For Preachers

Don't depend on that sermon outline for success, but depend on God.

Don't value too highly your apparent success and your outward applause—"man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart."

Don't serve God nor the people with a biased mind, a good driver seeks ever to keep well in the road.

Don't use partiality in your administrations, and if you do, don't be fool enough to think you will not reap what you sow.

Don't set the old men too far back, you may need them yet to help pull you out of the mud of your youthful imaginations.

Don't forget that nothing belongs to you, all is God's and with what measure you "mete withal, it shall be measured to you again."

Don't let others do all your thinking. When you have the thoughts and opinions of others draw your own conclusions.

Don't forget that the rewards you will receive *in that day are to be won now*, by the man who lives under your hat and who walks in your shoes.

Don't forget that only by the proper use of all your talents, time, means and opportunities can you be your best for God.

Don't forget that God expects you to live as good and clean and humble and to practice as much self-denial and cross-bearing as you expect of your hearers. *You are to be an example to the flock.*

Don't forget that a man who shows one face to your face, and a different face to your back, is a hypocrite, even if he is a preacher.

Don't forget that the Lord is the source of your help at all times—without Him you can do nothing.

Don't forget that your words, manner, spirit and conduct are the outward picture of your character. Your real self shows in this living picture.

Don't forget that the more like Jesus you are the more He can use you. "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."—Jesus.

Don't forget that no man on land or sea holds so important a place as the preacher, the soul-winner.

Don't forget that to follow Jesus you must leave all else. No others follow Him.

Don't think that you can ever find anything in this world that will take the

place of "Thus saith the Lord."

Don't overestimate anything human. If Christ be not in control all is lost.

Don't forget that the moving train is on the main line. Other trains and cars are on the side track because they are not ready to go.

Don't forget that your chain is no stronger than its weakest link, break that link and all is lost.

Don't forget your rule. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men (preachers, deacons, members) should do to you, do ye even to them,"—Jesus, Matt. 7:12.

The Old-Fashioned Christian Family Altar

What is the great need in our land today? What do fathers and mothers and children need more than anything else? Is it not a vital touch with God's Word and united prayer? What wonders would be wrought in the weaving of hearts into a family tie, strengthened by faith in the Bible, softened by the touch of the Holy Spirit, and cemented by an enduring and holy fellowship which would carry each member through the temptations and trials and privileges of the day in triumphant victory!

What would it mean to the church if, from every Christian home represented in its membership, the aroma of such a prayer life should ascend, and thus a bond of unbroken fellowship be formed? What would it mean to the pastor who had a heart for his flock and weighed down with the burdens he must carry if he knew that in every family in his church he was carried daily to the Throne of Grace?

What would it mean to the prayerless, Christless world into which the family must daily enter, if the members went from bended knees to manifest their faith in the unchanging love of God to restless, helpless, hopeless humanity? And—most of all—what would it mean to Him who gave Himself for us and who daily longs for our fellowship? Would it not give Him great joy?

Look at the cover again and—remembering all these things—pray that many new "old-fashioned" family altars may be established where many "old-fashioned" Christians shall be developed among old and young who may be able to set an example, by lip and life, that will incite admiration and emulation.—Selected.

Paul, the Apostle

Paul declared himself an Israelite, Rom. 11:1. Paul accepted Jesus as Israel's Sav-

ior, Acts 23:23, 24; 22:14; 26:6. Paul saw God's promises to Israel fulfilled in the coming of Jesus into the world, Rom. 9:3-5. Paul saw Israel's future hope in their accepting Jesus as their Savior, Rom. 11:15. Paul saw Jesus as the hope of the world, the Savior of all men, Rom. 1:14-16. Paul saw the future glory of Israel as a nation and the glory of the nations of the world bound up in Jesus, the Jewish Messiah. When the Jews as a nation accept Jesus their Messiah, then the nations of the world will accept Him and the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord, Rom. 11:12-15; 25:26.

A Hindu woman in India accepted Jesus as her Savior. Her husband treated her very cruelly because she was a Christian. She was asked, "What do you do when your husband is angry and is unkind to you?" She replied, "I cook his food better and sweep the floor cleaner; and when he speaks unkindly, I answer him mildly. I try to show him that I am a better wife and a better mother because I am a Christian." In this way she won him and he, too, became a Christian. It is the Christlike spirit that wins. It is the unchristlike spirit that fails and loses out.

A Good Chorus

"The best book to read is the Bible,
The best book to read is the Bible,
If you read it every day
It will help you on your way,
Oh, the best book to read is the Bible."

But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. Acts 2:16.

The Jews

News of Jewish activities and developments today furnish items of greatest prophetic significance. If the Jew is God's timepiece, as has been said, then it certainly is not at a standstill at the present time.

In fifteen years the Jewish population of Palestine has increased almost tenfold, there being at present more than 400,000 Jews in the land. Leading Bible teachers have declared for many years that the Jew would return to his homeland in the last days, as is now coming to pass.

Great Britain's plan to partition the holy land between Jews, Arabs and the mandate government has caused a great stir on all sides. Under this plan the Jewish state would be about the size of Delaware. If the Jews accept the portion offered them in the terms of this plan, it will be the first Jewish state in about 2,000 years. While accepting this small portion it does not altogether fulfill prophecy, it is a step in that direction. Recently a prominent Jewish lec-

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News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary, Mission Board

Echoes From a Convention in India

Our annual convention held January 9-16 was the best one we have had for years. At the very opening God's presence was manifested as the message, "Making Ditches" or "Believing Preparation for Divine Blessing" from 2 Kings 3:16, 17 was given. People began to pray more earnestly as they were exhorted to do so.

We had an English missionary and his wife, Brother and Sister Livesey, of the British Assemblies of God, with us. Brother Livesey, the chief speaker, was used of the Lord to take us to the very mountain top, where we felt and said like Peter, "It is good to be here."

The keynote in our morning Bible study was, "Let us go on unto perfection" and these studies from the book of Hebrews were so interesting that one did not realize how quickly the time went. Surely they were inspiring as we saw Jesus seated, already crowned, waiting for us, before whom too is set the joy. Heb. 12:2. It was precious to know what that joy set before us is: The promise to the overcomers in Rev. 2 and 3. It seemed that we could hear His voice saying, "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches."

As we had people from the Telegu and Tamil districts in our midst, some messages were translated into both Malayalam and Tamil. Some were given in Telegu and translated into Malayalam. Volumes of hallelujahs often rolled forth from the audience. We must shout "Glory" even while writing this. Brother Benjamin, our general evangelist, was so under the power of the Spirit, that he was reeling around the platform at times, unable to find words to express the joy, but he expressed it with his feet and hands, often with tambourine.

A number of sick were prayed for, sometimes so many of them that we had to have them all raise their hands. Amongst those prayed for was a demon-possessed man in chains. After prayer no change was seen, but right after he got home, they found that he was delivered and this led to the conversion of some of his relatives. A few weeks after we had the pleasure of baptizing nine believers in water in the village where this man's sister lives. His deliverance has stirred the whole community.

During the last sessions of the convention, it was estimated that there

were about 10,000 people present. Many were standing for hours and during the heat of the day, those who could not find seats under the pandal sat under the shade of trees. Truly the last day of the feast seemed the best. It was begun with a baptismal service. A great stream of people marched for more than a mile, singing praises to the Lord to the tune of drums, cymbals, flutes, tambourines, and hand clapping. What a lovely scene for a picture with the vast crowds standing on the bank of a small lake! Thirty-two were immersed and the power of God was mightily upon a number as they came up out of the water. Some had previously been baptized with the Holy Ghost. For some it meant persecution but they had determined to go through with Christ Jesus their Lord.

Four, or more, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, one being a school teacher from Madura, who has come out from Hinduism. My, didn't he give a rousing testimony in the meeting!

The closing session of the convention which lasted about four hours was so blessed that we were loathe to close and the expression on people's faces spoke of joy unspeakable, while one could see a desire for the things of God expressed on the faces of outsiders, which seemed to say, "Oh, that we had this too!" So Mr. Cook, seeing this, took an orange, just stood before the audience, peeling it, then eating it as he rolled his eyes and smacked his lips. Then someone said, "Is it good?" to which he replied, "Can you not see by the expression on my face?" and "Why is your mouth watering so? It is because you are longing for some. You can all have some." Then he gave his message, "Let us go on unto perfection." Of course it is difficult to express in print the Spirit-wrought things. Glory be to His name!—Bertha N. Cook, secretary.

Souls Are Getting Saved Over Here

To the saints everywhere, greetings. I praise the Lord for victory He gives me over sin. I thank Him for sparing my life while traveling over the mighty deep, carrying this last-day message to the poor and needy. Surely this life is a battlefield. I am fighting against false doctrine and sometimes we have to fight against our own to keep them in the right line. But I thank God for the Church of God and I am settled in her doctrine. Sometimes we have to stand

strong in our place; the harder the fight, the greater the victory.

We are having good encouragement from God's people in America and other countries who help me to stand by my crowd. God is winning our battle for us and we don't have to fear while He is near.

Please remember to help the Mission Board in donating funds for our church building. We have a good township lot in the Island of Grand Turk deeded and recorded for the Church of God under the jurisdiction of H. A. Hudson, Kingston, Jam. I am in trust for the said property for the Church of God in the Turks and Caicos Islands, B. W. I. This is part of what is on the deed. I am expecting to send it to Bishop Hudson to see and he will send it to Headquarters. I wish many of our people could have seen it. Our body of people is the only body that is recognized in Turks Island by rites and power from the officials of these islands, and as soon as the building is finished I will register it to claim all of my ordination rites, so you see holiness was here a long time but the right way of handling it just came and time is far spent and eternity is drawing nigh. Let us spend the best of our time in winning souls for that great day which is to come.

Souls are still getting saved over here. We had three to follow the Lord in water baptism the first Sunday in April. We had to walk three and one-half miles to reach the water side. The place is called Belfy Landing Baptism Mango. Some of our people as soon as they read this will remember the spot. This place is in Kew Turks Island.

I ask all who read this to pray that God will open a way for me to go to the Assembly this year. Pray much for me while I am still determined to stay on the battlefield for Jesus. May the dear Lord bless every one is my prayer. —A. W. Rigby, overseer of Turks Island, B. W. I.

REVIVAL

ELDORADO, Md. — We have just closed a very successful revival here at Eldorado, Md. The church was greatly blessed and a goodly number prayed through. Brother J. M. Snyder was the evangelist; he did some good preaching and made many friends for the church. We hope to have him again soon. Sister F. B. Marine of Baltimore and Brother Wheeler were with us the last week to sing for us. It was a great blessing to have them. We closed the revival with home coming. Brother Muncy, state overseer, was present and brought a good message. The evening service was also good. Almost all of the near-by churches were represented.—Mrs. Katie Hastings.

BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

"Study to show thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 3:15.

GOD'S SECRET PLACE

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INTRODUCTION

Text, Psalm 91. One time one of the Wesleys was in a great storm at sea. The storm was so bad that it seemed the ship would go down. Wesley had not yet come into the deep experience he had in later life and he was afraid. There were some people on the ship that were singing praises to God. Wesley asked how it was that they could do this in such a storm. One of them replied, "Have you never heard, 'Perfect love casteth out fear'?" They were in the secret place of God. We, too, can lodge in the secret place of God where storms and trials will not disturb our hearts.

THE SECRET PLACE

A secret place is one that is hidden and only known to a few. Jesus said, "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way, and few there be that find it." There are only a few traveling the narrow way. The number is still small that is in the secret place of God. The secret place might be illustrated by the vision of the river in Ezekiel 47. When we are in water loins deep it cramps us and causes us to double up to get under and be hidden. But out in the deep all we have to do is let ourselves go and sink far out of sight. When we come to that place of perfect trust in God that He has supreme control, we are in the secret place.

THE ENTRANCE TO THE SECRET PLACE

Every secret place has an entrance. Sometimes it is well hidden. Other times its very openness causes it to pass unnoticed. God's secret place has an entrance too. We remember the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:6, "Pray to your Father which is in secret." This is the entrance to the secret place of God. From the secret closet of prayer we go ever deeper in God. From reading the biographies of great men of God we find that they spent much time in secret prayer. The way to get into God's secret place is to spend a lot of time in our secret place.

PROTECTED BY GOD

We notice that our scripture reading says, "He shall abide under the shadow of the almighty," also, "He shall cover thee with his feathers." How wonderful to know that we can expect God's loving care and protection. The act of protecting implies the care of the strong for the weak. We may be weak and despised but thank God we have a strong protector.

WHAT HE PROTECTS US FROM

Again we go to our scripture lesson and find He protects us from the terror of fear. We needn't be afraid, dear friends, though foes are persecuting. He said He would be our protection. Next, the pestilence that walketh in darkness. Pestilence means sickness or disease. So while some of our brothers and sisters have fallen victims to the ravages of this epidemic and others are held in its grip, we must take courage. He said, "A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee." God knows and understands all about the things we are facing, and will bless us if we stand true. Lastly let us consider:

THE BLESSINGS WE ATTAIN THERE

Naturally the closer we live to God the greater our blessings are going to be. We are going to have joy, peace, and comfort in the secret place of God. No matter what the circumstances may be, we can still have the blessings in our soul. Even the angels will minister to us in the need of our souls. In conclusion I say, Let us take courage. There is a place we can get in God that will usher greater and fuller blessings into our life. God knows all about us so let us hide ourselves in the secret place of God.

REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years," Hab. 3:2.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va.—We are still shouting the victory here at Clarksburg. March 20 Brother L. E. Dean of Kenova, W. Va. began a revival for us that ran three weeks and one night. Six were saved, seven sanctified and six received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The Lord began blessing from the very first service. One lady and her husband, a Catholic, received the baptism and when opportunity was given for membership in the Church of God she stepped right out and joined. We praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here. We now have a young man to play the piano for us—one result of the revival. Four were baptized in water and eleven added to the church.

Pray for us at Clarksburg that we can get a church closer in town, at that kind of place the church will rise and shine.—C. H. Vance, pastor.

We truly praise our God for His blessed favor He gave us in a revival at Altoona, Ala. Eleven nights God wonderfully blessed. The church was greatly revived. Eighteen or twenty were gloriously saved and eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. Brother A. L. Burroughs, district pastor, intended to run it one week longer but the weather did

not permit. We were at prayer service last Thursday night and the revival spirit is still there. The church wants us back for an old-time brush arbor meeting as soon as the weather permits. Please pray earnestly that God will undertake and give many souls for our hire, for truly I want to be one of the humble servants He is calling for in these evil days. I thank all the Christians for their co-operation. Your sweet testimonies just stirred the blessed fire in my soul. Please don't forget to pray for a revival at Altoona, Ala., for the healing of my body. I am in the work of the Lord. If you need my help for a revival, write me.—H. C. Perry, 21 Wilkerson Ave., Alabama City, Ala.

CONCORD, N. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival in Concord, N. C. with Brother J. L. Hathcock and coworkers in charge. Several nights the Holy Ghost took charge of the services and a message was given out and interpreted. There were thirty-one saved, ten sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church. This revival left the church shouting the victory.—J. W. Carter, clerk.

ROCHESTER, Pa.—We had a revival at the Church of God in Monaca and thank the Lord there were nine saved. The Lord surely did bless many souls. The evangelist was Walter Skutar of Aliquippa. Anyone desiring a revival would do well to get Brother Skutar. Pray for us at Monaca that God may continue to bless.—Eleanor Verrico, 468 Park St.

EPHRATA, Pa.—We have just closed the best revival ever held in the Ephrata church. Sister Mary Denny was the evangelist. Two were reclaimed, six saved and sanctified and six received the Holy Ghost, making thirteen having received the Holy Ghost since the Assembly. We have only a small church but God is surely with us. Praise His name. Folks from all denominations came to hear Sister Denny preach. She preached under the anointing every night and wonderful demonstrations of the Spirit proved that God was there. One night conviction fell in such a way that a few persons could scarcely stay on their seats. If we ever needed the whole armor of God, it is now, for surely the second coming of Jesus draweth nigh. Several messages that came forth in tongue were interpreted and they pertained to Christ's coming, so let us be ready to meet Him in the air. Pray for us that the folks around Ephrata will get more light on this way. May God go with Sister Denny wherever she goes and make her a blessing to others as she was to us, is my prayer.—Prayerfully, Anna R. Lutz.



Whitwell, Tenn. Dist. Conv'n.

The district convention of the Whitwell, Tenn. district convened at Whitwell, April 22-24. We feel it was a real blessing. Those who spoke during the convention were D. A. Hensley, R. P. Johnson, J. W. Thurman, H. K. Keith, Brother Bird, Sister Annie Kilgore, Joe Colston and Major Kurley.

A prayer meeting on Saturday was conducted by Brother and Sister Moore. In the afternoon we had an orphanage program and in the evening a very good Y. P. E. program with Chester Lingerfelt in charge. We had string band specials during the convention.

On Sunday we had Sunday School and mission talks and an offering for missions was taken in the amount of \$18.50. So many good things happened. The reports of the churches were given in the afternoon and were very good. Thirteen churches reported. There was shouting, speaking in tongues and praising God, for the power of God was there in a great way to bless. We feel this was the best convention that Whitwell has ever seen. You should have been there. Sunday night a revival broke out, which we did not expect, but God is blessing in a great way. Please pray much for this revival. Souls need the Lord here. Pray for the church and for me.

We were very glad to have Brother R. P. Johnson with us.—Tillman Bane, clerk.

Stonefield, Miss. Dist. Conv'n.

The Stonefield, Miss. district convention convened at the Friendship Church of God, Charleston, Miss., April 22-24, with Brother T. W. Godwin, state overseer, in charge, and Brother G. G. Prince, district overseer, assisting. God met with us in the beginning and blessed throughout the convention. The speakers were Brother T. W. Godwin, Brother Lindley, Sister Mooneyham, presidents of the Y. P. E's and Brother G. G. Prince.

Sister Mooneyham, state superintendent of the L. W. W. B's spoke on this work. We also had talks by visiting ministers. Solos, duets, trios and quartets were enjoyed from various churches. A mission offering of \$56.00 was taken. Sunday afternoon we had the reports of the churches which were very good. God's power was manifested in a great way. The convention will be long remembered.—H. L. Williams, clerk, Rt. 1, Box 37, Charleston, Miss.

Dist. S. S. Convention Report

The district Sunday School conven-

tion of the Church of God was held April 24 at Anadarko, Okla. A goodly number of members and visitors were present from different towns. After the morning worship a basket dinner was enjoyed by all.

In the afternoon service preachers, laymen and Sunday School teachers gave briefly their expressions of thanksgiving, advice and instruction of how a good Sunday School can progress. The key thought of the entire convention was personal work in behalf of lost souls. Interest in the service was maintained from the first until the last. The crowd then left for their homes with "a perfect day" expressing the feelings of all in this most enjoyable "get together" or sweet fellowship one with the other through Jesus our Lord, and with many new suggestions to offer their local coworkers, new visions and a touch of fire upon their souls, which we all pray will linger until time for the convention a year hence, if Jesus tarries.

We also had the privilege of having our evangelist, Brother Turner Hall, and his family with us during our night service. He brought us a powerful message. This is a new church, just about ten months old and we are surely rejoicing in His goodness to us. Pray that God will continue to help us in this new place. There remains in our midst a precious spirit of prayer and consecration. We feel the urge to press forward until He comes. We started this church in June, 1937, without a dime or even a place to worship and with only three of us. Now we have our lot, a three-room parsonage and our church, which is 26x40, and the value of our property is \$940.00.—Mrs. Anna Deulen, Anadarko, Okla.

West Frankfort, Ill. District Convention

The West Frankfort, Ill. district convention convened at Christopher, April 22-24 with J. R. Thomas, state overseer, and Stanley Joplin, district overseer, in charge. The services from the very first were charged with the Spirit of the Lord.

On Saturday morning we met with the Spirit of God in our midst. The messages of the day were delivered by U. E. Hopkins, Zeno Douglas, Ernel Summers, (Brother Summers is the Baptist preacher who received the Holy Ghost and united with the Church of God and is doing some fine evangelistic work on this district), and Barbara King. Brother Thomas, our state overseer, spoke on missions in the evening service after which an offering was taken for same amounting to \$30.00. This district has, by far, exceeded any previous record on missions. Since the Assembly it has paid \$112.31 foreign missions (outside of our

special box offerings and five per cent quota), these offerings being, for the state convention \$45.52; Stark missionaries, \$36.79; district convention, \$30.00.

The Y. P. E. program Saturday evening, of which the district president, Brother Leonard Newton, had charge, was certainly inspiring. A fine musical program was rendered, then inspiring talks were given by Brother Forrester, state Y. P. E. president, Brother Olen Greathouse, Sister Lendall Newton. We are surely proud of our Y. P. E. on this district.

Again Sunday morning we found the presence of the Lord there. Brother Forrester, state Sunday School superintendent, had charge of a Sunday School program that was certainly good. Brother Thomas then spoke on "General Instructions." This was a fine message. The reports of the churches showed a marked improvement in most every line. We surely enjoyed the presence of the Lord. In fact, we just had a Holy Ghost convention.

We thank God for the spirit of co-operation that prevails on this district, and the co-operation of our state overseer, Brother J. R. Thomas. We have had some wonderful revivals this year. The pastors, churches and district overseer are moving along in harmony and we have enjoyed the greatest increase in membership and spiritual uplift in several years.

Every speaker of the convention seemed at his best. They had great subjects and handled them equally as well. We also appreciate our district Sunday School and Y. P. E. president, Brother Leonard Newton, who is doing his best for that work on the district, and the work is growing. To say the least, the convention was great and we left with a determination to keep West Frankfort district going over the top for God and the Church.—Stanley Joplin, district overseer.

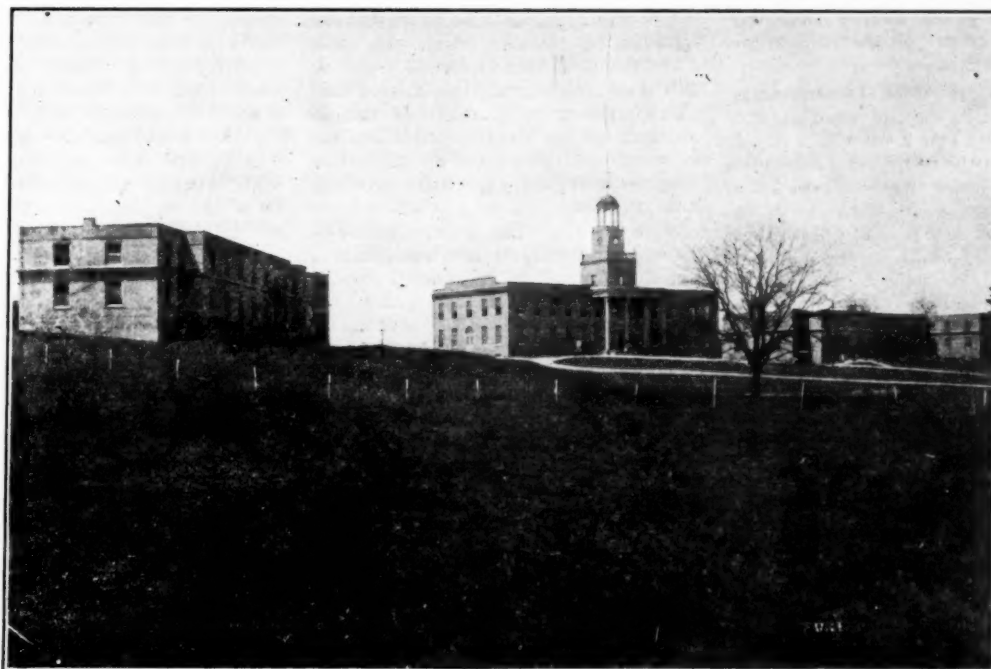
Hayesville, N. C. District Convention

The annual district convention of the Hayesville, N. C. district convened with the Church of God at Shooting Creek, N. C., April 1-3, with Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, in charge. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way from beginning to end. Most of the preachers of the district were present and well prepared. Wonderful messages of the Word were given during the convention.

On Sunday morning, Glover P. Ledford, former district pastor, delivered a most inspiring message, after which our beloved state overseer, Brother Williams, gave a message that thrilled both saint and sinner. The singing was splendid

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NEW HOME OF THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL



Center, Administration Building; right, Boys' Dormitory; left, Girls' Dormitory. This picture, however, does not show all of the Boys' Dormitory, neither the Girls' Dormitory, nor the beautiful campus site.

The Murphy College, of Sevierville, Tenn., is now the property of the Church of God, for the new home of the Church of God Bible Training School, at a price less than 14 cents on the dollar of the original cost of the property.

The property consists of over sixty-three acres of land within the city limits of Sevierville. Sevierville, incidentally, is the county site of Sevier county, a pleasant little town situated half way between the Great Smoky Mountains and the city of Knoxville, on a splendid concrete highway, about twenty-three miles southeast of Knoxville.

The buildings on the property consist of the administration building, boys' dormitory, girls' dormitory, president's home, a barn and boiler house.

The administration building was erected in 1923, is 128 feet long, 58 feet wide, two story, solid brick with tower, full daylight basement under two-thirds of the building; contains library, rest rooms, large study hall, laboratories, recitation rooms and has all modern conveniences.

The boys' dormitory is 156 feet long, 56 feet wide at one end and 75 feet at the other, two story, solid brick; has a living room 35 feet by 52 feet, library, bath rooms, electric lights and steam heat.

The girls' dormitory was built in 1924, is 38 feet

wide and 242 feet long, of solid brick, two story; has large living halls and rooms and all modern conveniences.

The president's home, partially destroyed by fire, can be easily repaired.

The barn and steam plant are not so valuable, but will serve their purpose well.

The college property has not been in use for the last two years, therefore, needs some repair, which work is already under way.

The Murphy College was a Christian institution under the supervision of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Education, and was originally founded in 1890 and named for one of the original promoters, Col. Charles C. Murphy. The name was later changed, however, to the Murphy Collegiate Institute.

I am told that after the final sale a number of the original promoters, whose labors made it possible for the Murphy College to train hundreds of men and women for the ministry, were present, and some with tears in their eyes expressed that they felt it was the hand of the Lord that we should have the school and continue the work which they had begun.

Those interested write Brother Zeno C. Tharp, Cleveland, Tenn., for further information. — J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

WHERE SHALL I WORK?

"Hear instruction; and be wise, and refuse it not. Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord," Proverbs 8:33, 35.

In the fall of 1936 a certain state overseer came to me and asked me how I would like to take a work in a certain town. I knew the town was a hard place and there had been two good experienced evangelists there during different assembly years, and held the fort down, but it seemed there could not be much accomplished. I told the overseer that I would pray about it and let him know, so I talked to God and that night the Lord dealt with me. Finally I told the overseer I would go, so right after the Assembly I went back to this city and made arrangements to take over the work. They all seemed to be enthused to help and so I went into the work just as hard as I could, gave up a good job, and moved to the town where I was taking the church. I got me a job so I could help meet my obligations as the church was small (only three women left to work), no men folks that were members). It began to look discouraging. The first Sunday we went over to attend Sunday School there were only three people present. That was the superintendent, the church clerk, and another lady. My wife said to me as we went in, "Oh, we'll never be able to do anything here." I said, "Oh, yes, we will, if we are in the will of the Lord." So we got busy. Wife and I started out visiting homes. That night for service we had forty people. We put on a Sunday School campaign and increased by leaps and bounds, and won the state banner, first time they ever won the banner since the church was set in order.

Every thing was going well for a while, and it began to go backwards, people quit working, and attendance was decreasing. Every one seemed to get discouraged. Finally I began to think something was wrong with me. I began to examine myself, and I prayed and seemed to get nowhere. I lost three jobs and I did most every thing to make enough to live on and meet my obligations. I pushed a wheel barrow of gravel and sand until blood ran out of the palms of my hands and I asked God for strength, but finally I had to tell the foreman to give me a lighter job, and instead of giving me a job I could stand he fired me. I went home praying and crying for God to undertake somehow, as I was getting behind with my obligations. When I got home I became sick and could not go on with my work at the church that night. When I saw the enemy working against me (as I thought

it was the enemy) I trusted God to heal me and got all right and went on with the church work. The crowd was small, sometimes five or six came out to hear me preach.

One day a brother came to me and we talked a few minutes about the work there. He said he felt led to come to this state and take this work, so I told the overseer that I would not take it another year. He gave it to this brother; he went into the work. They started in good for a while and it lasted about four months. They gave up the hall and began to have cottage prayer meetings. During the Assembly there was talk that the church would be disbanded. I thought of so many unsaved men there and I began to pray and ask God where He wanted me to go the coming year. Something seemed to say, "The place you left off unfinished." I had a chance to take a more paying place, where I could get full support and I prayed about it. Still something seemed to say, "The place you left off unfinished." I said, "All right, Lord, I'll go." Wife felt the same way about it. I told the state overseer I would take that place again, and that I would die trying to put it over. He said, "Go to it, Brother," so I went back and found still three women trying to hold on. We began to pray and ask God to just give us a place where He wanted us, and during our cottage prayer meeting God dealt with the women and they started a Ladies Willing Workers' Band. We took up the offering and got \$1.00 to start with for our new church. We kept going every Sunday and having meetings in Sister Reecie Elkins' home at 11 Grover Street, Battle Creek, Mich. I got a job near the city and worked to help support my family and meet my obligations, as I did not want to be a burden to the church and people who were working to get our new church. God began to bless every one, others began to take interest, saved and unsaved were all working, women and also men. They sold pencils, aprons, and many things to raise money. The clerk, Sister Ova Keathely, 75 Graves Ave., was appointed leader of the L. W. W. B. and she had many different plans of raising the money for the church. Every one co-operated with her 100 per cent and God wonderfully used her and the others in a mighty way.

One day the way was opened to buy a church through an ex-minister who had backslidden, but wanting to come back to God, and God, I believe, is going to use him. His name is Rector Lewis. He used to be with the Assembly of God, and he seeing the light on the Church is doing all he can to help. We got Brother Paul H. Walker to look over the church and close the deal for us. The L. W. W. B. raised the down

payment and enough to repair the interior and paint it. An artist, Percy Dunn, donated his talent and time to paint the interior and painted a nice background of the old Jewish synagogue. Oh, it was wonderful just how the Lord worked things out. I went over one day and found six unsaved men working on the church trying to get the interior in order to move in at once. The first service night we had a house full of people, and the attendance just continued increasing so that the clerk said we would just have to enlarge the church if it kept this up.

We have not had any revival but are planning to start and continue till God says stop. Our attendance is about 75 per cent unsaved people. God has wonderfully given me favor with the unsaved men and they are all surely co-operating with me to put the church over and pay it out of debt.

Friends and brothers, if you want to work for the Lord, first hear instructions, be wise, and refuse it not. If God sends you to a place, stick to it until He is through with you. The most trouble with a lot of preachers is they run to and fro trying to find an easy place, or trying to get on the good side of the overseer to get a paying church, etc., but I often think of the words,

Where shall I work, Father?

Where shall I work today?

And my love flowed warm and free;

Then He pointed me out a humble spot,

And said, Tend that for me.

I answered quickly, Oh, no not that;

Why no one would ever see,

No matter how well my work was done;

Not that little place for me.

And the word He spoke it was not stern,

He answered me tenderly,

Ab, little one, search that heart of thine,

Art thou working for them or me?

Nazareth was a little place, and so was Galilee.

I often hear some preachers tell how they sacrificed, and that they were not going back to a certain church, etc. Oh, brother and sister, are you working for them or JESUS? The Word says, "Blessed is the man that heareth me" (that means woman too). If we will hear Him and obey Him, we will obtain favor with the Lord. Obedience is better than all your sacrifice you have spoken of to others. Some may not enjoy this but it is true just the same. We find ourselves complaining, grumbling, and finding fault with one another, or trying to kill one another's influence, which is one of the devil's working tools. If old Satan can get you to use the tool of fault-finding, he has got you going his

way and the first thing you know you will have the complete tool box of the devil to work against God and His Church. Pardon me for this, but I couldn't help putting these last few words in, not that I am throwing it at any certain person, but that it will help some one to stay on the highway of holiness, and not let the enemy kidnap you. Paul told the folks if they left the ship they would all perish.

Since I obeyed the Lord, God wonderfully blessed the church and others that were in the church, and those who were scattered and were running to and fro came back and are shouting the victory because they are at home. Let's be established and not be carried about with every wind of doctrine, but be like David, MY HEART IS FIXED. Stay true to God and be a working servant for the cause of the gospel of Jesus Christ and The Church of God, and you will surely reap rich rewards. May God richly bless you every one is my prayers. Write me at 116 Lansing Street, Charlotte, Michigan.—Your humble brother, Evangelist W. T. Truett.

P. S.—Since this writing we had an all-day meeting Easter and God surely met with us. People are under conviction. My brother and wife came to the altar and testified they were reclaimed. We are now in a revival. Brother Brown of Port Huron is our evangelist. I would like for every one who reads this to offer up a prayer to God to give us a revival and souls for our labor. We have several young men who are unsaved and could do a wonderful work for God if they were saved. Please pray for us.

REDEEMING THE TIME

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil," Eph. 5:16.

I have felt so impressed to write this little message and I am writing it with a prayerful heart, praying it will help us all to see the need of redeeming the time. The devil would like to rock us to sleep and cause us just to be at ease in Zion. Yes, if he can slip this thing or that thing in our way to keep us from praying, and sap our victory, that's his job. The devil is using the time for his evil work. He is working in so many ways. Well, he knows his time is short. Oh, let us as children of God redeem the time.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish," Prov. 29:18. God help us to pray until we get the vision of the lost that we may have the burden so heavy we will fast and pray till we can get people through. Lord help us to work while it is day. It is hard for people to get through to victory. Why? The days are evil. We surely must be living near the

close of this age, but God is still on the throne and Jesus is still our Mediator. Glory! I can feel His presence now. People are still getting good old-time salvation when they meet the condition. It takes pressing your way through and it takes pressing on to keep the victory. Surely we have a battle to fight. Let us labor on doing all the good we can, lifting up the blood-stained banner to this lost and dying world. While the world is seeking the pleasures of this life, the things that pass away, let us seek a closer walk with the Lord, redeeming the time, looking beyond the storm clouds of this life to the dawning of a perfect day. When we have fought our last battle, shed our last tear, prayed our last prayer, let us be able to say with the Apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Amen.—Lula Mae Russ, 835 W. Hickory St., Arcadia, Fla.

The preacher who spends all his time telling his people what not to BE and DO usually furnishes them poor ideals as to what they should BE and DO.

No one who has done a poor job of humbling himself can do a good job of submitting to others.

Submission is a common thing for an uncommon soul to do.

PERRY-SCOPE

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turer expressed his opinion that in twenty years there would be a Jewish state of 25,000,000 occupying both sides of the river Jordan.

State Conventions

May 16-20—Ohio.

May 19-22—Missouri.

May 26-29—North Carolina.

June 23-26—Arkansas.

June 2-5—South Carolina.

June 2-5—Western Maryland and District of Columbia., Baltimore, Md.

June 9-12—Virginia.

June 9-12—Florida.

June 16-19—Mississippi.

June 16-19—West Virginia.

June 18-26—Michigan, Lake Odessa.

June 28-July 4—North Dakota.

July 1-3—Tennessee, Knoxville.

July 7-10—New Mexico.

July 7-10—Maryland.

July 14-17—Oklahoma.

July 14-17—Georgia.

July 21-24—Kansas.

July 21-24—Alabama.

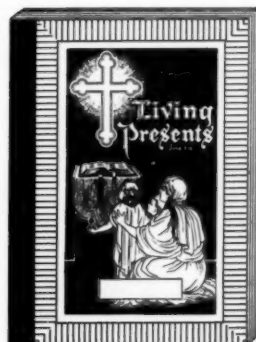
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Please pray for me that I will obey the Lord. I am so burdened for lost souls. Please pray a special prayer for my dear father that he will get saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and that his body will be healed. He can't live long unless the Lord undertakes. We are open for calls for revivals.—Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McDonald, Sulligent, Ala.

Please pray for a brother who is sick, that he will be healed. His name is Joseph Capron. Pray for his healing, for he is needed in the vineyard.—Sarah E. Tucker, Grand Turk Is., B. W. I.

Dear saints, please pray for me, I am in bad health and have been for some time. Pray that God will heal me, D. V. Fast and pray if you feel led. If God doesn't undertake I won't be here long.—Mrs. M. E. Crank, Bypro, Ky.

Please pray a special prayer for the Dyer Church of God at Holly Grove, Ark. The enemy has raised up with full force and is really putting our church to a full test. Saints, we need your prayers, we know God is able. We have a good pastor and wife, they are always ready to stand by us.—Albert Lawson, Holly Grove, Ark., Rt. 2.

We are in the midst of an old-time revival with Sister Lila Smith of Macon, Ga. doing the preaching. Please pray that if it is God's will He will heal our pastor's wife, Sister J. H. Lee. If she doesn't get better soon she can't stay with us. Brother Rouse, please pray that I will be completely healed of stomach ulcers, I am trusting Him. Pray that the Lord will fill me with the Holy Ghost.—L. A. Edwards, Juniper, Ga.

Dear readers, I feel it might mean a blessing to me to ask prayer for the healing of my body. I have asked the saints around here to pray for me so many times until I feel like they are tired of hearing me and I know not what to do. Jesus has healed me at all times before and I can't understand my case. I live right and have the Holy Ghost and feel God's blessing. Can some one tell me why I can't be healed? I am fully trusting in Jesus alone, for He's my only hope. Dear saints, please call on God for me. I am willing to do His will whatever it may be, because my life is but little pleasure to me as I am. I can't work without suffering in my shoulders and back of my neck. At times I am stiff. I have been like this since February. I have a ten-year-old girl that needs prayer. She has a cough and almost chokes on phlegm that comes in her

throat. Jesus can heal, I know. He has healed me and my children so many times. He's the same Lord today. Do pray for us, and if there is anything I should do, make it known to me. Also pray for my husband to be in service before he grows cold and forgets God. Please don't pray for us just once but in all your prayers. If anyone wants to write me, I will surely be glad. Pray that I won't give up and go to a doctor.—Mrs. Ida Bell Vinson, Rt. 2, Lakeland, Fla.

Please pray for my wife, she is very sick. Brother A. T. Little, please have special prayer for her.—H. H. Hungate, pastor, Coal City W. Va.

Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for a friend to be healed and saved, she is in a serious condition. Pray till your prayers go through.—Mrs. Velma Moody, Varnville, S. C.

Please pray for my daughter, Evelyn Smith, she has rheumatism. Pray that God will heal her body and save her soul. Pray for my husband. Also pray for my other daughter, Ollie Taylor, and her husband to be saved, and for my sons and their wives. Pray that my friends and loved ones will come to God. Brother Rouse, please pray for me to be healed, I can hardly walk. Pray for my husband and me to stand true until Jesus comes or calls. I also have an unspoken request, God knows all about it.—Mrs. J. A. Ott, Rt. 2, Box 11, Ridgway, S. C.

Dear saints, please pray for my father; he has stomach and heart trouble. Pray that he may be healed.—George R. Coleman, R. F. D. 3, Urbana, Ill.

Please pray for this place, we are in need of a building as we have no place to worship. Pray for me that I will stand true and do God's will until He comes or calls. Pray for my husband that he will be saved so we can raise our children in a Christian home and to serve God.—Virgie Beavers, Hartwell, W. Va.

Please pray for my mother to be healed, she suffers with her head and jaw so badly she can't eat or sleep. The doctors said she wasn't able to stand an operation and they can't do anything for her. She hasn't had the baptism long, pray that she may be strengthened. Her name is Mrs. Irene Grant, Benton, Ark., Rt. 1. Brother Rouse, please pray for me.—Her daughter, Lillie McCain, Rt. 1, Tomnolen, Miss.

Dear saints, I have a breaking out on my hands that has been on them for almost five years. I trusted the doctors and their medicine until Jan. 25 when Brother L. G. Rouse came to Paris, Tex. and prayed for the sick. Now I am trusting God and the devil is really try-

ing me. Please pray for my healing as I suffer very much. Brother Rouse, please pray for me.—Mrs. John White, Commerce St., Ladonia, Tex.

Please pray for my daughter's soul and body, she is afflicted in her side.—Minnie Adams, Nettleton, Ark.

Please pray for me to be healed, also six more of my family who are real sick. If God doesn't heal us we are going to die for the doctors can't do anything. Pray for all my family.—Mrs. Mollie Van Fleet, 1126 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, Tenn.

Please pray for my son to be saved and ask God to help me overcome everything that is unlike Jesus.—Angeline Fannin, Naugatuck, Va.

Dear saints, I have an unspoken request which I want you to pray for. Pray until your prayers go through.—Mrs. Ruby Helms, Isola, Miss.

Please pray for the healing of my mother's body, she isn't able to do her house work. Her faith is in the Lord. Also pray for the healing of my eyes, I can hardly see at times. Please pray for my mother-in-law to be healed of asthma. I also have a few unspoken requests which I want you to pray for.—Mrs. Thelma Garrison, Marietta, Ga.

Dear saints, I would appreciate it very much if every one would pray for me to be sanctified, also that another request will be granted. Pray for three souls to be made willing to receive the baptism.—Ruth Margret Marks, Rt. 3, York, Pa.

Please pray for me, I have been in bed three weeks with a serious affliction. I am praying and trusting that God will heal me completely. I desire to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and be healed, so don't forget me.

Several weeks ago a wonderful inspiration came to me at dawn and I felt that it was the work my Lord would have me undertake for Him. God's people need a radio broadcasting station to preach His gospel every hour in the day so that the ill, the aged and dying may hear a song, a sermon or a prayer any hour of the day and get comfort and joy over the radio whenever they are unable to get out to services. I need help from every Christian in our United States to take a part and I feel that every Christian will want to have a part in such a program. Every church would like to assist in a daily program for God. We need this station dedicated to God only. Won't you pray for me and write me as soon as possible? Don't disappoint God and me.—Mrs. M. C. Bailey, Rt. 1, Box 705, Bessemer, Ala.

Please pray a special prayer for me as I have very bad heart attacks and I am very weak sometimes. Please fast and pray for me, I also have an unspoken request the Lord knows all about it.—Sister F. Joplin, colored, Rt. 2, Box 42, Harrisburg, Ark.

Remember me in prayer, also my sister. I once knew the way but fell by the wayside, but by God's help I want to get back into the fold. My sister hasn't ever known the way. There is no church of our belief down here. Some good man or woman is needed down this way to preach God's Word to this town. If my husband, Norman Knight, reads this, please get in touch with me.—Mrs. Bernice Knight, 719 Grove St., Vicksburg, Miss.

Please pray for my baby to be healed. Pray for us to live close to the Lord and do His will. I also have another request, pray that the Lord's will will be done.—Mrs. A. N. Daniel, Box 733, Fernandina, Fla.

Please pray a special prayer for two long unspoken requests. Do not pass them by, God knows all about them.—Yours sincerely, Mrs. Edgar, Lansing, Mich.

Dear saints, please pray for my sister, Mrs. Effie Settle, who is in the hospital at Bowling Green, Ky. with T. B. and is in a very bad condition. She is also unsaved. Anyone desiring to write an encouraging letter, address her mail to Effie Settle, Bowling Green, Ky., c/o L. C. Stanley, 700 State St.—Carl A. Stanley, 207 Mutual Ave., Winchester, Ky.

Pray for me. My health is not good. I have high blood pressure. I also have sinking spells; I fall out I am so weak. I can hardly go, but I know God can heal if it is His will.—Mrs. Minnie Hardin, Mulga, Ala.

Pray for the healing of my body. I have high blood pressure. My nerves are so bad and my chest seems full at times and something cuts my breath off. I have pyorrhea of the gums in the worst stage. I know the Lord can heal. I want to get closer to Him and rear my children in the right way. There is no Church of God close to me. If you feel led, please fast and pray, also pray for the complete healing of my body, and pray for my husband to live a better life. Pray for my mother who has gall bladder and high blood pressure. Her address is Mrs. Rosa Riddle, Rt. 1, Bowdon, Ga. Pray for us to be healed.—Mrs. Florence Hollingsworth, Rt. 1, Steele, Ala.

Pray for my gums that they will get well. I had four teeth pulled last week. Pray for my sister's side, it hurts her a

lot.—Mary Lee, Cropwell, Ala.

I have a very special request that I ask every Christian to pray for. Pray for the ones who are lost and out in sin, and pray for our home and our revival which is going on.—Mrs. Hezekiah Bartlett, Rt. 1, Skyland, N. C.

A revival began May 1 at the Church of God, Starkey, Va. Please pray much for the success of the meeting. Evangelist C. R. Simmons is in charge.—C. W. Collins, pastor, 56 Bruffey St., Salem, Va.

Please pray for me that I will please God. I have the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God, but pray that I will receive more power and have more faith. Pray for my sister who has bad gums, also for my three brothers who are out in sin that they may be saved before it is too late. We are trying to finish our church over here at Easonville, Ala. so pray for it, and pray for the people that they may open up their hearts and come to God.—George H. Harmon, Rt. 2, Cropwell, Ala.

I desire the prayers of God's children for us all. We haven't the privilege of being in service. I have an unspoken request or two. Please pray for God to undertake, He is able to move the powers of Satan.—Mrs. Ida Robinson, Rt. 1, Box 181, Shaw, Miss.

Pray for my family and home. Pray for my home to become a home of prayer and for God to give me strength to bring my babies up the Christian way. I also have an unspoken request. Pray earnestly for us.—Mrs. Hazel Robinson, Shaw, Miss.

We are in a great revival at Hayesville, N. C. which started May 1. We are having good crowds. Please pray that God will work miracles in our midst and many souls will be saved. Please pray for a family here. I also have several on my heart who I want to see go through. Pray a special prayer for Brother Corn's daughter. Also pray for Sister Lydia Johnson, she is suffering with a severe disease. Pray for her to be healed. The writer is in charge of the revival.—J. C. Pinion, Cleveland, Tenn.

Hayesville, N. C. District Convention

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throughout the program. Several beautiful numbers were given by the Eller trio, also the orphanage trio. String music was furnished by the Sprinkle band of Franklin. A mission offering of \$25.00 was taken, for which we are thankful.

The entertainment arranged by the committee and pastor and the hospitali-

ty of the good people was perfect. We enjoyed a good basket lunch on Sunday.

We are so grateful for all the good things we enjoyed, but most of all for the way the sweet presence and power of God blessed and lifted each child of God to higher planes, and gave us more determination to press on.—Maxine Sprinkle, clerk, Andrews, N. C.

Yet We See Not Our Signs

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and Islamic books. King Benjamin of Benton Harbor, Mich., claimed to be the restorer of Israel or the Kingdom, and when he died his body laid in state until the authorities forced his following to bury him. They thought that he would resurrect from the dead, so the papers stated. There are many other characters who have claimed to be Jesus Christ, but Jesus said, "Be not deceived; this is a sign that my coming is near."

(The remainder of this article will appear in next issue.)

Truth can be made no stronger by our personal endorsement, but we are always made stronger by her endorsement.

RADIO BROADCASTS

WFBC from 6:45 to 8:15 (E.S.T.), each Sunday morning, 1300 kilocycles. Earl Paulk, pastor.

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Sunday, 4:30 to 5:30 a. m.; Tuesday, 11:00 to 11:30 a. m.; Thursday, 11:00 to 11:30 a. m. Over station KGDE.—H. E. Ramsey.

WFOR, Hattiesburg, Miss., each Sunday afternoon from 4:45-5:15. The Church of God, D. W. Mills, pastor.

WRGA—A. H. Batts, pastor, Rome, Ga., 1500 kilocycles, March 7, 8:00-8:30 and March 14 at 4:30-5:00 p. m., etc.

WOPI, Bristol, Tenn. Each Wednesday from 7:45 to 9:00 o'clock. 1500 kilocycles.—R. C. Cook, pastor.

Church of God, Williamsburg, Pa. over WFBG, Altoona, Pa., each Saturday afternoon from 2:00 until 2:30 p. m.—C. H. Shaw in charge.

WCBD, 1080 KC, Chicago, Ill. Every Sunday morning from 1:00 a. m. to 2:00 a. m. Amelia Shumaker in charge.

KFYO, Lubbock, Tex. Each Sunday morning, 7:30-8:00 a. m. Roy J. Young, district pastor.

A Friendly Talk to Father and Mother

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whereabouts when night comes? Yes, and many fathers and mothers will be sorry some day about the way they let their children do. Let me say right here, in many places the preacher has to put up with his members' children running in and out of the church while he endeavors to tell the lost about the shed blood of Christ to blot out their sins. I say with all due respect to every one, that it is a shame on the parents of such children. In the home is the place to train the little ones how to reverence the house of God. The home and the church just must co-operate in the training of the children, or we'll soon be overcome with lawlessness and debauchery.

Here is something that will no doubt invite criticism but let it come. Lots of the trouble with children is, the parents do not co-operate in the home. The mother will say, Son, mother will have to punish you if you do that again. The father will say, No, you won't. Run to daddy, son. The child will see that they are divided and consequently will do worse than ever. Am I right, dear parents? Yes, indeed. Isn't it pitiful to see a child kick at his parents, throw his spoon down from the table, have a mad fit and refuse to eat until his mother pets and begs him to? It's pitiful nevertheless it's TRUE. I certainly believe that juvenile rebellion is worse now than it has ever been in the history of the world. I want to make an earnest appeal to all the fathers and mothers that read this article, to take a greater stand than ever before in adequate child training. Will it be said about your children, "I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding"? Proverbs 7:7. My, how it would make you feel to hear some one say about your child, "That child is to be pitied, it has never been trained"? As best I can remember, John Wesley, the great reformer, once said, "I attribute most of my success to the training that my mother gave me in my early life." A minister once said to me, "Brother Roberts, I let my children go to the movie, I think it's educational." Yes, it will help your child to learn how to be a better bandit or gangster. How many fathers and mothers take their children around their knees and read to them from God's blessed Word how they should carry themselves? You should do this every morning before they have to meet with so many wicked environments. You should be VERY, VERY careful about the kind of literature that you let your child read. It's your duty to see to it that your children have good wholesome literature to read.

In many Church of God homes that I have been in I find the very worst of dirty, unholy magazines that will create lust and finally adultery. My dear friend, this should not be.

Another mistake fathers and mothers make is to talk about people in the presence of their children. We should teach our children in early childhood to be truthful and honest and not to infringe on the rights of others. Another mistake is to let the child know that regardless of what he does you will uphold him in it. How Christians can rest satisfied about their children's lost condition is more than I can understand. It's indeed obvious to every parent that we are living in a very perilous age, an age of crime and wicked devices, and for this reason we should work very hard to train our children to abstain from all appearance of evil. I wish to state further that we should not wait until the child is ten or twelve years old to start training them, but start in time to head off ill tempers, bad habits, etc.

Proverbs 22:15 says, "Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child: but the rod of correction will drive it far from him." I don't mean to convey the thought that you must always be whipping your children. Lots of times a good talk or council meeting with them will serve the purpose. When once you learn the thing that will help you control your children, most of your problems will be solved. I'd like to refer to what helped my dear old mother with me. She learned that talking to me did more good than to be always whipping me. So many times she would take me aside from the rest of the family and give me a good talk and, my, how sorry I was that I had caused mother so much sorrow. Let me tell you, those words are still with me until this very hour. What it takes for one of your children will not do for another one many times. Now let's read Proverbs 20:7, "The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him." Father, can that be said about you? If you get drunk, smoke, chew tobacco, curse, swear, tell lies, and be of a fanfaron character, can you expect your son to be a nice, refined, intelligent young gentleman, or will you expect him to be a gamin, which? I'll tell you if you sow turnips, turnips will spring forth, and if you sow ignominious seed you may expect to reap an ignominious product. I am informed that in 1937 there were 385,000 boys on the roads hitch-hiking from city to city. Who is to blame for the prodigals of today? I'll let you answer. Yes, the number of lazy, don't-care boys and girls is prodigious.

Now a few words to mothers. Mothers, do you know that *THE VOICE* tells us we have 439,640 girls in our colleges,

universities, and normal schools where they are being trained to serve the nation as useful wives, mothers, teachers, and workers of every type? We have 1,350,000 girls being trained in our taverns to be—well, you name it. In the face of all these facts we have fathers and mothers in our fair land who will drink and curse and fight before their dear little boys and girls. Many mothers are failing to teach their girl how to be a good intelligent mother, wife, cook, or any thing much. I know some poor mothers in the city here in Dillon (S. C.) who have to wait on their grown girls. These girls stay out late at night and next morning they lie in bed while that poor old mother goes about the housework. I've seen them leave home smoking a cigarette. It's a dirty shame to behold!

Do you remember what the great Apostle Paul said to young Timothy? Here is what he said, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother, Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also." Do you want this said about your son or daughter? If you do, you had better keep an eye on them and not let them keep bad company. Teach them the Word of God in early life. I presume that Timothy's mother lived the life before him. You should not live the hypocrite life at home and then at the church act as if you possessed more religion than Abraham. If you do, your children will not be like Timothy but will be inclined to be skeptical. If your children have confidence in you that means that you are a light to them. If they don't, that means you are a stumbling block to them.

Now what we need to do is to renew our covenant with the Lord, and get the old altar bench in our homes, have family worship and let the devil know we haven't forgotten our children. Let him know that our children don't have to leave home to get in good company.

In conclusion I want to say if you derive any benefit from this article give the Lord the praise for He is the one that helped me write it. May God bless every one that may chance to read it. Amen.

REVIVAL

ELKIN, N. C.—We thank God for the way He blessed in the revival. Thank God for sending Brother Lamb from Thomasville, N. C. here. He ran a two weeks' revival in which five were saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and the saints were built up and encouraged to press on. We ask every saint to continue to pray for our pastor, K. B. Couch, that God will heal him, if it is His will.—Effie Couch, clerk.

EDITORIALS

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wicked and righteous went to this place at death.

Peter explains to us that Jesus went to the paradisaical side while His body was in the tomb and offered to those who had lived up to all the light they had deliverance, and these are the ones who came forth after their souls and bodies had been reunited, and the people knew them. These are the first fruits of the harvest. They were taken up into paradise and they are still there. This proves that the first resurrection began when Jesus rose and the main harvest is yet to be reaped, which is the resurrecting of the dead in Christ, and those that remain and are alive will be changed, 11 Thess. 4:13-18.

There has been no judgment yet but we will deal with the first judgment of rewards in our next write-up.

NOTICES

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Brother J. R. Davis began a revival in the Church of God at Toledo, Ohio, May 1. Please pray that God will bless and give a great revival in this church.—Thad Puckett, pastor, Toledo, Ohio, 1131 Fairfield Ave.

To all members of the Kentwood, La. church who have moved away, we are striving to put the Church program over. We have paid our aged ministers' fund and are only asking you to help us by paying your \$1.00 state mission assessment. God has blessed us with a good state and district overseer who are very much interested in the Church program. So, come on, saints, let's put the Church program over one hundred per cent for God, and our state overseer, Brother Clyde Cox, will be very glad to be able to report at the General Assembly one hundred per cent for our state, but he can't do this alone, we must do our part. Now we have a pencil drive on, which, when finished, will mean \$10.00 for missions. We also have a mission hen nest in the church and every Sunday the nest is filled with eggs for missions. So you see we are working. We are preparing to have a mission program. We are also going to have a home coming the second Sunday in June. I wish you who haven't had the privilege of being here since I have been your pastor could be with us; if you can, come. May God help everyone to do his part to make the program a success.—F. M. Fitzgerald, pastor, Kentwood, La.

There will be a home coming at Mt. Zion Church of God, about twelve miles north of Oneonta, Ala. the first

Sunday in June. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket. Come on, singers, bring your quartets, trios and duets. Let's enjoy this great feast together. We are expecting our state overseer, Brother H. L. Whittington, and other visiting ministers.—A. V. Coker, pastor, Altoona, Ala., Rt. 2.

On May 8 we started a revival with Sister Rose (Lucia) Short of Fairchance, Pa. doing the preaching. This is a new church and we surely need the prayers of all. We invite all the churches nearby to join in and help us make this church a real Church of God where many shall find Christ. Our address is 312 8th St., Monaca, Pa.—Frank Petruccelli, pastor, Rochester, Pa.

The Glamorgan, Va. district convention will convene at St. Charles, Va. May 27-29 with J. L. Dorman, our state overseer, in charge. Come expecting a real feast from our Lord.—L. M. Justice, district pastor.

The Huntington, W. Va. district will have its second district convention at Cedar Grove, W. Va., June 3-5, inc. Brother E. C. Clark, state overseer, will be present, and several ministers from the district. We also invite ministers and laity from other districts. Entertainment will be free by the Cedar Grove and other near-by churches. We are expecting a worth-while convention.—M. M. Mortenson, district pastor, 132 Sycamore St., Huntington, W. Va.

To whom it may concern: In regard to the piece that was written in the Evangel of the revival held in Lamesa by W. C. Collins and signed by Frank White, I, F. E. White, take pleasure in correcting this mistake. There were some who were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost but there is no record of it in the church for there are only seven members in the church. I didn't even write the piece about the revival. Brother Suiter is with us now and the church is in a struggle and we want you to pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, F. E. White, Gen. Del., Lamesa, Tex.

There will be a home coming day at Buford, Ga. Church of God the 5th Sunday in May. We want all the members and everybody else that wishes to come and bring a well-filled basket. We are expecting a great day in the Lord. We invite all the churches on the district and their pastors. This includes Brother W. T. Nelson and his church, Brother Watson and his church, Brother J. B. Weeks and his churches, also the pastor of Marietta and his folks, Brother Duckey of Gainesville and his folks, the Newton church and pastor, Lawrenceville church and its pastor, Brother Noah

Ridgway and his church of Cummins, also the neighboring churches and friends. Come on, service will begin at 10:00 a. m. We want these pastors from the different churches to be on program. We give our beloved state overseer, Brother Jernigan, a hearty invitation also.—Y. E. McNear, pastor, Box 202, Buford, Ga.

There will be an all-day singing at the Church of God at Laurens, S. C. May 15. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well-filled basket as there will be dinner served at the church.—J. R. Mullinax, pastor.

The Kansas state camp meeting will convene at Coffeyville, Kans., July 16-24. The state convention will be the last three days. We have made arrangement with Brother L. W. Sisk of North Dakota to be with us for the evangelistic service each evening, also Brother Sisk will teach a Bible class each morning. Begin now to make your arrangements to come. Come and camp with us. We will furnish you with a camping place and fuel to do your cooking. We will furnish free entertainment to all "out-of-state ministers." We will also furnish free entertainment as far as possible to all visitors for the convention part which will be from July 21-24, inc. For further information write us at this address.—J. T. Campbell, overseer of Kansas, 1406 Elm St., Coffeyville, Kans.

The Shepherds Fold, La. district convention will convene at Sharps Chapel church May 20-22, inc. The district camp meeting will begin on the night of the 22nd at Shepherds Fold church. Brother Clyde C. Cox, state overseer, will be in charge. We ask all of the churches to do your best to put the church program over by that time by having your \$1.00 per member and your aged ministers' quota, and remember we agreed to do our best. I am in hopes that each local church will be one hundred per cent in all departments on the work. The ministers and laity from the neighboring districts are invited. Come praying that the convention and camp meeting will be a success.—O. L. McManus, district pastor, Covington, La.

The Blairsville, Ga. district convention will convene at Dahlonga church, Dahlonga, Ga., June 3-5. Come one and all and enjoy a good feast in the Lord.—Robert Bell, district overseer, Copperhill, Tenn.

The Linden, Fla. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention will convene at the Bushnell church Sunday, May 22, beginning at 10:00 a. m. and closing at 4:30 p. m. Dinner will be served on the ground at noon. Everyone come and bring a well-filled basket.

Pastors, please arrange and have a

TWO NEW CHURCHES SET IN ORDER IN IOWA

This shows a picture of the New Pilgrim Tabernacle, Lynnvile, Iowa, which has united with the Church of God. This work was brought up by Brother M. C. Plotts, who recently united with the Church and who is being greatly blessed in the evangelistic work. The church here in Lynnvile is largely made up of Dutch people—the finest I ever met. This church was set in order April 24 with thirty-two



members. We have a fine band of young people here and they are on fire for God. In this group is a fine young preacher, who, with his four sisters, formed an evangelistic party and are now working in new towns, building up new work.

We also set a new church in order in New Sharon, Iowa April 23 with fourteen members. They are also a fine band of people who love the

Lord and His Church. Please pray for the work in Iowa. We have 971 towns and cities in this state. The harvest is truly ripe and the laborers few. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest.—Your brother for more souls for Christ, J. L. Goins, overseer of Iowa.

large delegation attend to represent your Sunday School, and Y. P. E.

Brother Woodrow C. Byrd, state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent, will be with us at this convention. Also we are expecting the presence of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost.

A hearty invitation is extended to those on neighboring districts.—D. B. Fussell, district S. S. superintendent; Doyle Franklin, district Y. P. E. superintendent.

REVIVALS

WILLIAMSBURG, Pa.—We praise the Lord for the way God has been blessing us here in Williamsburg, Pa. We have just closed a three weeks' revival in which God wonderfully blessed in the old-time way. Forty-nine were saved, twenty-two sanctified, thirteen baptized with the Holy Ghost and twenty added to the church. Surely Williamsburg has been stirred. Brother Roland Verrico's evangelistic party was in charge of the revival and with them they brought a loud speaking system which was placed on the outside of the church. Someone said the services could be heard over a mile from the church, so surely a portion of this gospel reached every home in Williamsburg. Brother Verrico and his party are all young folks filled with the power of God.

We are also glad to report that since the revival has closed the good revival spirit is still in our midst. The church here is made up of a group of God-loving people who have a mind to work to see every department of the church move forward. We're working to see the membership of the church doubled by Assembly time. We've already re-

ceived a goodly number since last Assembly. We plan to engage in another revival in the near future.—C. H. Shaw, pastor.

NEON, Ky.—We feel that we can never praise God enough for the great work that has already been accomplished in Neon. Brother D. C. Rayhill of Coral Ridge, Ky. was in charge of the revival which has just closed. He was assisted by Sister Ollie Burns of Arkansas. The revival closed for our district convention but will begin again Wednesday night, with Brother Rayhill in charge.

I don't believe I ever felt a sweeter spirit or heard any better soul-stirring messages than God delivered through Sister Burns and Brother Rayhill. There were times during the revival the evangelist didn't get to preach for the divine Holy Ghost took complete charge. Conviction has been in our midst from the very beginning. The altar filled to overflowing with seekers from time to time. Some of the worst holiness fighters of Letcher county have accepted the truth and we give God all the praise.

The evangelists came not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Holy Ghost and fire. Their messages were prayed down from glory, seasoned with God's love and really touched the hearts of both young and old. Already forty-three have been saved, twenty-seven sanctified, twenty-two filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen added to the church and twenty baptized. Surely the Lord is doing great things for us whereof we are glad. Pray for the further success of the revival, also pray for us that God will use us to His own glory and honor and that our

lives will wield a godly influence over those who are unsaved. — Annalene Spence, Cromona, Ky.

TOWNSEND, Tenn.—We have just closed a five weeks' revival in which the Lord surely blessed. There were thirty saved, twenty-six sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, sixteen added to the church and eight baptized. Brother J. L. Goins of Iowa and Brother Bruce Bachman of Missouri were with us the first week. Brother Goins did some wonderful preaching and the Lord blessed from the first service. Brother Bachman did some fine singing which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. Brother John Scalf of Elizabethton, Tenn. then came to continue the services. The Lord certainly blessed in giving out the Word and gave souls for his labor. Sister Bessie Jones of Knoxville assisted in the meeting and proved a blessing. The people love her and appreciated her work for the Lord. The services closed with the Lord's supper and feet washing. Our Sunday School is fine, we had one hundred forty-one last Sunday. Pray for us at Townsend that the Lord will save all these precious souls who have been going to the altar and failed to pray through.—The pastor, D. A. Biggs, 815 Emerson Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.—We are glad to report victory in another great war against sin and the devil in Orangeburg. We started a revival about March 2 with Brother W. C. Lee of Walhalla doing the preaching. He preached one week and took sick. Brother C. E. McAbee of Greenwood came and was with us a week. As he was building a new church he had to leave. After one week Brother J. C. Childers of Anderson came and ran the revival another week. During the revival there were twenty-five saved, eleven sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church. We closed the revival with the altar full of seekers. Many say this was the best revival ever held here. Since the revival several have been saved and sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. God is also doing great things in our midst in healing the sick. One of the members took seriously ill and hope for her recovery without an operation was given up by two doctors, but some of the saints gathered and prayed for her and she came out of the bed and shouted over the house. This was Friday night and Saturday night she was at church and took her place in the choir. This was a miracle as I am not able to explain her afflictions through the Evangel. Pray for us and the work here.—Geo. W. Cooper, 15 Palmetto St.